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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. – 19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) A collapsible container comprising:

a plurality of upper panels, and

a bottom panel,

each panel having a body and an elongate tubular member along ~~all~~ each of the edges of the body;

~~the each~~ tubular member having at least one cut-away section to form an interlocking formation that is an alternating tenon and mortise formation, each mortise being shaped so that a tenon is received therein in an arrangement wherein the received tenon is not concentric with adjacent tenons, whereby an engagement member passing through the tenons has a more secure or friction fit therein;

the bottom panel having a plurality of reinforced downwardly protruding supports comprised of a plurality of panels for raising up the bottom panel and thereby the collapsible container; and

at least one interlocking formation on the bottom panel engaging an interlocking formation on at least one upper panel.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) The collapsible container according to claim ~~21~~ 20, ~~wherein the mortises are shaped so that a tenon is received therein in an arrangement wherein the received tenon is substantially axially aligned with an adjacent tenon wherein the tenons and mortises of adjacent panels are staggered so as to enable a tenon of a first panel to engage a mortise provided in an adjacent panel.~~

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Currently Amended) The collapsible container according to claim ~~24~~20, wherein ~~an~~
the engagement member is receivable through a passage formed by adjacent tenons when panels
are engaged.

25. (Previously presented) The collapsible container according to claim 24 wherein the
engagement member is in the form of a solid rod.

26. (Previously presented) The collapsible container according to claim 24 wherein the
engagement member is in the form of a hollow tubular cylinder.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently Amended) The collapsible container according to claim 20, wherein the
supports include a plurality of stacked reinforced panels including at least one L-shaped channel
section for supporting the stacked reinforced panels, the supports being secured to the bottom
panel of the collapsible container, and wherein each reinforced panel comprising is comprised of
two outer laminations and a reinforced inner structure ~~and wherein the support structures are~~
~~secured to a bottom panel of the collapsible container.~~

29. (Previously Presented) The collapsible container of claim 20 wherein the
interlocking formations of adjacent panels are arranged to be releasably interlockable.

30. (Previously Presented) The collapsible container of claim 20 wherein the cut-away
section in the tubular member of a panel is a section where a segment of the tubular member has
been removed.

31. (Previously Presented) The collapsible container of claim 20 wherein the cut-away section of a panel defines a mortise adjacent a tenon formed by the tubular member where it is not cut-away.

32. (Previously Presented) The collapsible container of claim 20 wherein each panel includes a securing cover for securing the tubular member to the body of the panel, the securing cover comprising a sheet of pliable material that is wrapped around the tubular member, with opposite ends of the sheet being secured to opposite sides of the body of the panel.

33. (Previously Presented) The collapsible container of claim 20 wherein the body of a panel is made from reinforced material that comprises two outer laminations and an inner reinforcing structure.

34. (Previously Presented) The collapsible container of claim 33 wherein the outer laminations at least partially overlies the tubular section when secured to the edge of the panel.

35. (Previously Presented) The collapsible container of claim 33 wherein the inner reinforcing structure comprises a honeycomb structure.

36. (Cancelled)

37. (Previously Presented) The collapsible container of claim 20 wherein the tubular members are provided on ends of the edges of a panel.

38. (Previously Presented) The collapsible container of claim 20 wherein the tubular members are provided on sides of the edges of a panel.

39. (Previously Presented) The collapsible container of claim 20 wherein the body of a panel is substantially rectangular.

40. (Previously Presented) The collapsible container of claim 20 wherein the body and tubular members of a panel are made from cardboard.

41. (Currently Amended) The collapsible container of claim 20 wherein each support includes a plurality of reinforced panels stacked on top of one another, ~~and~~ the stacked reinforced panels being secured in a stacked position.

42. (Previously presented) The collapsible container of claim 41 wherein each support includes at least one L-shaped channel section for supporting the stacked reinforced panels.

43. (Previously presented) The collapsible container of claim 42 wherein each support includes two mirrored L-shaped channel sections for supporting the stacked reinforced panels.

44. (Currently Amended) The collapsible container of claim 41 wherein each reinforced panel ~~comprises~~ is comprised of two outer laminations and a reinforced inner structure.

45. (Previously Presented) The collapsible container according to claim 44 wherein the outer laminations are made from cardboard or craft paper.

46. (Previously Presented) The collapsible container according to claim 44 wherein the reinforced inner structure comprises honeycomb structured cardboard or craft paper.

47. (Previously Presented) The collapsible container according to claim 44 wherein the reinforced inner structure comprises tubular cardboard sections.